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APPLICANTS : THOMAS KRAHN ET AL.  
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Insert as the first paragraph of the specification the following new paragraph: -- This  
application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/194,099, filed on November 20, 1998, now  
pending. --

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